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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Hinkel et al.

Group Art Unit: 1634

Serial No.: 10/056,908

Examiner: Switzer, Juliet Caroline

Filed: January 25, 2002

Docket No. 1392/15

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For: **METHOD OF ANALYSIS OF NUCLEIC ACIDS**

AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Official Action dated January 14, 2005, having a period for Response that expired on April 14, 2005. A three-month extension of the period for Response up to and including July 14, 2005 is hereby requested. Please charge Deposit Account No. **50-0426** in the amount of **\$1,020.00**. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Remarks.

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